

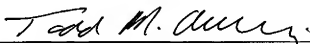
**REMARKS**

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 2, 4, 8 and 9 are amended. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof, is earnestly requested. Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been cancelled by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06, and Claims 21-29 have been previously cancelled by Applicant. As such, Claims 2-5 and 8-20 are pending.

Claims 2, 4, 8 and 9 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 3 depends from now independent Claim 2, and Claim 5 depends from now independent Claim 4. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-5, 8 and 9 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 10-20 have already been allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, namely Claims 2-5 and 8-20, are in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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